



20th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We are finally at the end of a very hot half term and I am sure all of our students are keeping their fingers crossed the great weather lasts for the duration of the school holidays!

We are in awe of the amazing achievements that Luke-Lom Hynes has made with his athletics this year, especially reaching the final of the 1500m at The ESAA National Championships. I have also recently learned that Imogen Wilson in Year 7 has made the county finals for the 100m.

I am extremely proud that we have three students who have been selected to represent RBWM at the annual Twin Towns sporting competition, taking place in Frascati, Italy in September. Huge congratulations go to Abbie Jones (Year 11), Rowan Smith and Olivia Phelps (Year 10). In addition, Tyler Lawson (Year 10) has made the reserve list which is fantastic news and testimony to the sporting talent we have here at school. It was also lovely to see so many students participating in our whole school sports day on what was another very hot and sunny day.

Students have enjoyed a variety of trips ranging from the theatre to Thorpe Park and the feedback that we received about our Year 9 students who helped out at Lowbrook sports day was truly heart-warming. It really is lovely to have students who value and want to volunteer within our community.

This term, our Year 11 students enjoyed a wonderful prom at Windsor Racecourse and all looked magnificent in their dresses and suits. (Pictures are on Facebook.) We look forward to seeing them all on 23rd August when they will be collecting their GCSE results!

Year 10 students had a warm and sunny camping trip in the Brecon Beacons and a group of Year 9 students flew to Germany for an amazing long weekend History trip in Berlin.

The school has hosted an incredible Drama showcase event and all students really did shine, clearly enjoying the experience. In addition the Art department hosted a truly breath taking exhibition, with an array of student work from examination groups. This year, pieces from our Media and Technology departments were also included and attracted a lot of extremely positive feedback from parents and Governors alike.

Year 12 have been engaged with work placements this week and we look forward to hearing about their successes in the working environment.

Year 13's did a great job of raising money to support a very successful prom at Lillibrooke Manor and we will be excited to see them in August when they collect their A Level results and find out if they have secured places at university.

The whole school participated in the RAF Flyby last week, at the request of a number of Year 9 students. It was a once in a lifetime event, and we were thrilled when we were treated to a red, white and blue smoke display from the Red Arrows!

We continue to celebrate student success with achievement certificates, praise postcards, phone calls home and the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. We have had three students receive a Headteacher's Gold award this term, (James Meyrick, Anneka Kang and most recently Megan McDonnell) and I look forward to further successes next year.

The building work is all on track and we are looking forward to returning in September with the new teaching spaces and dining area. Our Innovate team have coped admirably with the temporary kitchen and dining facility, but I am sure they will be excited about the beautiful new kitchen that they will be working in.

A small change to the uniform regulations for female students from September: girls will be required to wear black tights with their skirts in Terms 1-5. Socks will be permitted in Term 6.

Sadly we say goodbye to a number of staff this week, Mr Rutter, Mr Stokes, Mr Moore, Miss Dundas, Mrs Ismail, Mr Kelly, Miss Bennett, Miss Holloway, Mr Gordon, Mrs Holland, Miss Selway and Mrs Rigg. We also say a sad farewell to Mr Hillyard who will start his new post as Headteacher at Holmer Green.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school and I wish you a very restful and happy summer holiday.

Kind regards

Frances Walsh
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary 2018:

Start of Student Term for Years 7	Tuesday 4th September 2018
Start of Student Term for Year 12	Wednesday 5th September 2018
Start of Student Term for Whole School	Thursday 6th September 2018
Term 1 Ends on	Friday 19th October 2018
October Holiday	Monday 22nd October 2018 - Friday 2nd November 2018